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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE 1760

(VOLUME XXXV)

No. 1.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under date the 22^d. Novr. by Pattamar that the Shaftsbury having suffered some damage at the Negrais, We Intended to send her to your Settlement in Order to be refitted and then returned with a Loading of Rice Timber, & Plank; We now accordingly, dispatch her to you, and request that you will Use the Necessary Measures for furnishing her with the above-mentioned Cargo, and send her back to Us so that she may Proceed to China in Proper Season.

By a Letter lately Received from the Gentlemen at Bengal, We are informed of the safe arrival of the Stormont; she Parted Company with the Ajax & Houghton off the Arracan Shore, By Private Advices We learn that these ships were met going up the River.

The Denham is to be sent from Bengal to the West Coast to take in what surplus Pepper may be on hand; The Oxford is destined for this Place with half a Loading, We shall fill her up & Dispatch her to Europe.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. hum'ble Servants

Geo. Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
D. Drake.

Fort S^t. George
14th. Jany. 1760.

No. 2.

To Captain Cornelius Inglis
of the Ship Shaftesbury.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to Repair on board your Ship, and Proceed to Bombay You are, in going up the Malabar Coast to be Particularly carefull

not to touch at any Ports, if you find it likely to retard your Voyage, so as to Prevent your return hither in Proper time to be dispatch'd to China.

We have wrote to the President & Council at Bombay to Afford you all Necessary assistance in Repairing your Ship, and doubt not their Ready Compliance.

Upon your Arrival at Bombay You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council & follow their Orders for your further Proceedings.

We are
SIR
Your Obed[t]. Servants

GEO. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
D. DRAKE.
H. VAN SITTART
R[D]. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
14TH. JAN[Y]. 1760.

N°. 3.

TO THE HON[BLE] ROBERT CLIVE ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

We have duly received your favors of the 11th. & 24th. Ultimo, & 5th. Instant with the Consignment [of Treasure] by the Duke which arrived at a time when [. . . wanted] and consequently Proved a very [. . .].

The Scarcity of Grain still continuing We find ourselves under the Necessity of sending back the Duke to you, in Order that she may be returned with a Loading of Rice, she will sail from hence in three or four days and We request of your Honor &c[a]. to provide a Cargo for her, & dispatch her as Expeditiously as you can, that she may afterwards proceed to the West Coast. at the same time We must intreat you not to omit any Oppertunity which may offer of sending Grain hither, to Releive as much as Possible the Great distress of the Inhabitants.

In the Letter we did ourselves the pleasure to write you under date the 14th. September We inclosed an Indent for Packing stuff & desired your compliance therewith as we have received no Answer from you Concerning that Article, we now Repeat our Request, not having sufficient for the Package of our Bales.

Our Works being much at a Stand for want of Jaggery, We desire you will send us some by Every Conveyance to the amount of two hundred Candy as otherwise the Carrying on the Fortifications will be much Impeded.

The Shaftsbury sail'd for Bombay the 14th. Instant to be Repaired, as soon as she returns we Propose sending her to China.

The Prince Henry Packet will be dispatch'd to Europe in ten or twelve days with the agreeable News of our late success in the Field against the French.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
H. VANSITTART.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JANY. 28TH. 1760.

No. 4.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to acquaint your Honour &ca. that we have drawn one sett of Bills of Exchange on you dated the 29th. Inst. payable at ten days sight to John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr. or order for Current Rupees Eight hundred & sixty six, two anas & six Pice (866–2–6) or Arcot Rupees Eight hundred & two (802) value received here of Charles Bourchier Esqr.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. servants
G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
D. DRAKE.
H. VAN SITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JANUARY 31ST. 1760.

No. 5.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to acquaint you that We have drawn on [*sic*] Sett of bills of Exchange on your Honor &ca. of this date Payable at ten days sight to Mr. John Smith of this Place or Order, for Current Rupees six thousand four hundred & eighty (6480) or Arcot Rupees six thousand Value received here of him.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servts.
G. PIGOT
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
FEBY. 1ST. 1760.

No. 6.

To Capt. Thomas Powney
of the Honble Companys Ship Duke.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship, and make the best of your Way to Vizagapatam, where You are to take on board as many Officers & Soldiers belonging to the Detachment under the Command of Captain Christian Fischer as Possible, Which being done, You are to Proceed with them to Bengall Upon your arrival there, Your are to Deliver the Accompanying Packet to the President & Council and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings Dated at Fort St. George this 3d. day of Feby. 1760.

G. Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 7.

To John Andrews Esqr.
Chief of Masulipatam.

Sir

There having been a Deficiency of Six Garse and one hundred & seventy three Mercalls of Rice in the Cargo of the Prince Henry Packet from Mazulipatam, We called upon Captain Reynolds to make good the Amount Who alledges in his defence that the Rice was weighed with Dutch Weights that it was afterwards carried to the Open Beach, where it remained for a fortnight under the care of the Conicoplys & other Persons on Shore, without being delivered to him, for which Reasons he refused to Sign the Bills of Lading any further than for the Number of Bags he received, without specifying the Weight Agreeable to Your Invoice the Bags should weigh one hundred & sixty Pounds Each, but when landed here they Poized no more than from one hundred & two to one hundred and twelve Pounds. As most of the Bags [. . .] turn it down above six inches and sewed there is great reason [. . .] must have happened at your Place [. . .] the Weights Enquire into this Abuse & give the Necessary directions the Gentlemen whose charge the Exporting Grain is immediately under, to act with greater circumspection in future.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
. . . .
. . . .
. . . .
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
3d. Feby. 1760.

No. 8.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Inform your Honour &ca. that we have drawn on you three setts of Bills of Exchange Dated this day, payable at ten days sight to the undermentioned Persons Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value received.	ARs.	or		CRs.		
1	Mr. Hugh Baillie or Order.	Himself ..	21000	—	—	22680	—	—
1	Mr. Thomas Amphlett	Mr. Thos. Kelsall.	4000	—	—	4320	—	—
1	Capt. James Amyet or his Attoy.	Mr. Andrew Ross.	2803	14	4	3028	6	15
						CRs.	A.	P.
3 Setts Amtg. to.		ARs.	27803	14	4	30028	6	15

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
Rd. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
4th. Feby. 1760.

No. 9.

To the Honble Lubbert Jan Baron Van Eck
President & Governour of Negapatam &ct. &c. &c.
& the Rest of the Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have duely received your favour under date the 22d. Jany. last, concerning two Anchors found by Colonel Forde at Mazulipatam and Embark'd on board a Ship in Order to be sent hither, contrary to the Representations of your Resident, Who, you say alledged, that they were the Property of the Dutch Company.

We beg leave to assure you Gentlemen that We are absolute Strangers to this transaction. No such Anchors having Ever been landed here, but that You may have all Possible Redress shewn you on this Occasion, We will transmit a Copy of your Letter to the President & Council at Bengal, and at the same time desire them to make the Necessary Enquirys & settle the matter with your Agents at Chinchera.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble servants

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

Fort St. George
14th. February 1760.

No. 10.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under date the 28th. Ultimo to acknowledge the receit of the consignment of Treasure by the Duke, and at the same time acquainted you that the Scarcity of Grain Still continueing, We found ourselves under the Necessity of sending her back to you in Order that she might be returned with a Loading of [rice].

Admiral Cornish arrived here the 22d. Instant with six ships of the line, He informs Us that his squadron is very much in want of Provisions and has Intreated Us to Request you in the most Pressing manner to send hither all the Salt Provisions you have belonging to His Majesty We would therefore recommend to your Honor &ca. to load as many of the Companys own Sloops as you can well spare, or in case you should find it Impracticable to send a sufficient quantity on them to freight a vessell or Vessells for that Purpose.

We likewise desire you will take every oppertunity of furnishing Us with Rice, as also some Pease.

The Prince Henry Packet sailed for Europe the 18th. Inst.

We have drawn on you two setts of Bills of Exchange dated this day, payable at ten days sight to the Undermentioned Persons Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value rece'd.	ARS.			CRS.	A.	P.
1	Capt. Hugh Baillie or Order.	Mr. Mathew Clarke.	14781	—	—	15963	7	8
1	Aviat Marcar or Order.	Shamier Sultan ..	931	—	—	1005	7	8
2	Setts amounting to		15712	—	—	16968	15	4

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedt. humble servants
George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
R. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
Febry. 26th. 1760.

No. 11.

To John Andrews Esqr.
Chief at Mazulipatam.

Sir

We will at another time Answer your Letter of the 16th. Febry. which We have received.

You have Permission to come up for a few days and may give Liberty to Mr. Bonjeur to do so likewise on your departure you will leave the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. Alexander.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
G. Pigot
&c. Council.

Fort St. George
[26th. Feby. 1760.]

No. 12.

To Christian Van Teylingen Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council at Pulicat

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 22d. Instant concerning the two Anchors found at Masulipatam belonging to your Company and said to have been brought hither.

We have been favored with an Address from the President & Council of Negapatam on the same subject, and have Inform'd them in Answer thereto that We are absolute Strangers to this transaction, no such Anchors having Ever been landed here, but that We would transmit a Copy of their Letter to the Gentlemen at Bengal (where we imagine the Anchors must have been carried) and desire them to make the Necessary Enquirys, and settle the Matter with your Agents at Chinchura.

We are
Gentlemen

Your most obedt. servts.
George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
R. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
Feby. 27th. 1760.

No. 13.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Agent for Victualling his Majestys squadron having reason to apprehend the Ships will be in great Want of arrack, now writes to his Correspondent at Bengal to Purchase what he may be able to Procure and as Admiral Pocock has Recommended to Us in the Letter we received from him Yesterday

to assist in [providing him with necessarys.] We must therefore Request your Honor &ca. either to furnish Vessells of the Companys to bring the Arrack hither or to Endeavour to secure some Vessells upon freight for the service of the squadron.

We now transmit you copy of a Letter Rece'd from the President & Council of Negapatam concerning two Anchors found by Colonel Forde at Masulipatam, and said to have been sent hither, as no such Anchors have been landed here, We imagine they must have been carryed to your Presidency and therefore request that you will be Pleased to make the Necessary Enquirys, & settle the matter with the Gentlemen at Chinchura.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
R. O. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
Feby. 27th. 1760.

No. 14.

To the Hon'ble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favor of the 26th. December reach'd us the 9th. Ultimo to which we shall now Reply.

Your Honor &ca. are Pleased to Remark in Answer to that Part of our Letter of the 15th. October last which Related to the Ship Protector, that you are of Opinion it will be far more regular to bring her Charges to Account on our Books than on Yours, as she has been for the most Part Employed in our immediate service; We agree with you that it is altogether immaterial with respect to Our Honble Employers, on which Books her expences appear, and therefore now propose to you as the most proper Method to avoid all Confusion to [debit this Presidency and] the whole amount of her charges, so that [she may not be dis]continued on our Establishment.

We would very willingly have confirmed Captain Nesbitt in the Command of the Fort Marlbro' Schooner in Consequence of your Recommendation but he Requested our Permission to Resign.

Inclosed We transmit you an account shewing the difference between the Pay issued to the Kings and Companys Troops, & the Gratuity made to the former, together with all the Extraordinary allowances to Officers attested by Our Military Paymaster, which we hope will prove sufficiently authentick.

We wrote in General terms concerning the Timber and Plank we desired might be provided for the Shaftesbury, as all sorts would prove very acceptable, but our Immediate Intention was for your Honor &ca. to Embrace this Oppertunity of sending round the Timber & Planks long since purchased at Calicutt on our Account.

The Prince Henry Packet was dispatch'd from hence for Europe the 18th. Inst.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
R. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
1st. March 1760.

No. 15.

To John Andrews Esqr.
Chief of Masulipatam.

Sir

Your Letters of the 11th. & 16th. Ultimo have been duely received.

We remark what you say concerning the Loss which must accrue in Exchanging your rupees into Madrass Pagodas for the Investment and in answer thereto can only recommend to you to dispose of the rupees on Every occasion to the best advantage possible with which we must Rest satisfied as We are unable to Point out any method more to the interest of the Company.

We will furnish you with Weights and scales, as soon as We possibly can.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
John Smith.
C. Bourchier
D. Drake.
H. Van Sittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

Fort St. George
the 1st March 1760.

No. 16.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to acquaint you that We have drawn one sett of Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ca. dated this day for Arcot Rupees Two thousand nine hundred & twelve six annaes, and five Pice (2912-6-5) or current Rupees

three thousand one hundred & Forty five six annaes and three Pice (3145–6–3) payable to Mr. Thomas Cooke, or Order for value rece'd here of Mr. Andrew Ross.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
D. DRAKE.
H. VAN SITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 3D. 1760.

No. 17.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd you under date the 1st. Instant to inform you of the Arrival of Admiral Cornish and of the great want his squadron was in of Salt Provisions; since [then the Leopard Snow] imported here, and We are glad to find [. . .] had anticipated our desires with respect to that article which has arrived in a very convenient time to be put on board the Men of War.

Captain Thomas Powney of the ship Duke ought agreeable to your Invoice to have landed here Fifteen hundred bags of Rice Pozs. Three thousand Maunds instead of which he only delivered Us Fourteen hundred Bags Weighing Two thousand Eight hundred Maunds, conformable to the Bill of Lading sign'd by him; You will therefore be Pleased to Enquire into this Matter and if it shall be found to have Proceeded from some Mistake, to give us due Credit for the difference.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 10TH. 1760.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
D. DRAKE.
H. VAN SITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 18.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN ZEPHANIAH HOLWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have Received the Letters you did Us the Favour to write to Us under date the 24th. Jany. 4th. & 21st. Feby.

Your Honor &ca. have herewith Duplicate of what We wrote to your Presidency the 10th. of March, the 26th. of that Month the Oxford arrived here, but as We judge the season would be too far advanced before We could

compleat her Cargo for Europe We shall not think of Dispatching her home.

We take this oppertunity to Congratulate the Honble John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr. on His Accession to the Government. We wish both him & you Gentlemen, in all Imaginable success in the affairs under your Direction [. . .].

and are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
[Your most Obedt. Servants]
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
8TH. APRIL 1760.

No. 19.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received the Letter you did Us the favor to Write to Us the 4th. ultimo and in Consequence of your Request therein shall forbid all Vessells exporting from this Place touching on the Malabar Coast below Anjengo.

Your Honor &ca. have herewith Duplicate of what We wrote to your Presidency the 1st. March, the 26th. of that Month the Oxford arrived from Bengall but as We judge the season would be too far Advanced, before We would compleat her Cargoe for Europe, We shall not think of Dispatching her home.

By the Advices We received from Bengal the Royal George sailed for England with Colonel Clive the 12th. Feby.

We take this Oppertunity to Congratulate the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr. on his accession to the Government We Wish both him and you Gentlemen all Imaginable success in the Affairs under your Direction and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
D. DRAKE.
H. VAN SITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
C. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
8TH. APRIL 1760.

No. 20.

TO MR. JAMES ALEXANDER
AT MASULIPATAM.

SR.

Inclosed you will receive Invoice and Bill of Lading of sundry Stores &ca. put on Board the Sloop Freze Canton and to be delivered atMausulipatam, We will Comply with the Rest of the Indent as soon as we have it in our power [. . .].

SIR
We are
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

No. 21.

To the Honble John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under date the 8th. April since when we have received your favour of the 15th. March ℔ Duke with the Rice and Jagery consigned to us and the Pease for the use of the Majestys squadron.

The Pocock arrived here from Bombay the 2d. Instt. and we shall speedily dispatch her to China.

We have found it necessary to alter the destination of the Oxford, and propose to send her first to Manilha there to Deliver a Cargoe for that Place, taken on board her on Freight After which she is to proceed to China with what money the concerned in the voyage to Manilha can furnish, which is to be consigned to the Supra Cargoes in China on account of the Company and the Amount repaid here.

The Shaftesbury is daily expected from the Malabar Coast As her Charter Party will expire the end of this month, We esteem her the properest Vessell to be sent to Europe and shall accordingly after having put on board the Cargoe Laden by your Honour &ca. on the Oxford and Compleated the Shaftesburys Tonnage finally Dispatched her from hence.

The President and Council of Bombay have Consigned to us a Parcell of Gold Dust the produce whereof the desire may be appropriated to the Purchase of Dollars, to be forwarded by such ships as we shall think proper, to the supra cargoes residing at Canton in part of the ship Griffins stocks for the produce of which Consignment of Gold dust, they request, we will give Captain John Edwards of the Boneta Ketch, Bills on your Honour &ca. concerning which they will write you they have also desired us to Advice them of the amount of such Bills, that they may give your Presidency due credit for the same.

As soon as we [. . .] we shall draw bills on you for the amount.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
5th. May 1760.

No. 22.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under date the 8th. Ultimo since when we have received Your favour of the 20th. March ℔ Pocock which ship imported here the 2d. Instt. in Company with the London Schooner under convoy of his Majestys Ship Queenboro.

The Parcell of Gold dust consigned to us on the Pocock has been delivered; As soon as we know the out turn, we shall Agreeable to your desire draw bills on the Presidt. & Council payable to Captain Edwards for the Amount.

The Pocock will be speedily dispatched to China.

We have found it Necessary to alter the Destination of the Oxford and propose to send her to Manilha there to deliver a Cargo for that place put on Board her on Freight. After which she is to proceed to China with what

Money the concerned in the Voyage to Manilha can furnish which is to be consigned to the supracargoes in China On Acco^t. of the Company and the Amount repaid here.

We daily expect the return of the Shaftesbury, And as her Charter Party will expire the end of this Month, we esteem her the properest Vessell to be sent to Europe And shall accordingly after having put on Board the cargo Laden on the Oxford at Bengall And Compleated the Shaftesburys Tonnage finally Dispatch her from hence.

Herewith we send you Duplicate of our Last Letter and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL.

N°. 23.

TO CAPTAIN WALLER ALVES
OF THE SNOW VICTORIA.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to the Negrais where on your arrival you are to Transmit to the King of the Burmahs the Letter and present herewith sent you for him and to cause the other Letters to be delivered Agreeable to their respective directions, the Intent of which is to procure the Liberty of the unfortunate Englishmen detained in Prison, In case these our Endeavours prove successfull, We direct You to receive on board all the sufferers and proceed to Bengal with the Utmost expedition.

The late Behavior of the Burmah King having given some cause for suspicion you cannot therefore be too much upon your Guard to prevent any surprize which may be attempted on your vessell, Dated at Fort Saint George this 9th. day of May 1760.

GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL.

N°. 24.

TO MESS^RS. THOMAS LOCKWOOD, RICHARD WOODS, STEPHEN DEVISME,
FRANCIS KINNERSLEY, FRANCIS WOOD, JAMES FLINT,
THOMAS THOMAS, ALEXANDER HUME AND JOSEPH
HARRINGTON Supra Cargoes of Council at CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your favour of the 4th. November Last, Advising us of the safe arrival of the Prince of Wales, Brittania Tilbury, Rhoda & Essex in China and of the Departure of the Pitt from thence—Our Letter of the 7th. September informed you that M^r. Pocock, had dismissed the Oxford Denham & Pocock but the Season being too farr advanced to Dispatch them to you we intended to send them to Bengal together with the Shaftesbury.

The Admiral Afterwards on his arrival here desired that the Pocock might attend the Squadron to Bombay in Quality of a Storeship and We complied with his request she returned the 2^d. Instant and [we] shall [. . .] her to you.

The Denham [. . .]the former we hear proceeded to the West Coast to take in the Surplus pepper on hand there and from thence to go to Europe the Oxford returned hither the 26th. Day of March with half a Cargoe for

Europe but being then too late to dispatch her and on opportunity Offering of sending her to Manilha in her way to China, on Terms Beneficial to the Company we thought it most prudent to Embrace it and to wave [*sic*] her Europe Voyage we have accordingly Given Orders to Captain Webber to Touch at Manilha there to deliver a Cargoe put on Board here for that Market on Freight and the Persons Concerned in the Voyage have agreed with us to Ship on Board the Oxford at Manilha in Dollars the Outturn of the Cargoe which we have reason to Believe will be Twenty Thousand Pounds or upwards and to consign the same to you for the use of the Company upon condition we will repay the amount here, dollar for dollars after deduction of Freight by these means the Ships Demurrage will be eased, And you Gentlemen at the same time furnished with Money and Before Advice Arrives of the Consignment having been made, We hope to receive Ample Supplys from Europe when we shall be in a Condition, to reimburse the sum which may be advanced by the Freighters this is the only Expedient we could fall upon to procure a stock for you for so Great is our present want of Cash, the Remittances from Bengall having fallen very Short of our expectation, and the Presidency, of Bombay having Contributed but little to our Assistance that we have lately been Obliged to make use of the 32 Chests of Treasure landed from the Shaftesbury, and also to appropriate the Gold Dust sent from Bombay in order to be coined here and the value forward[d]. to you in Dollars in part of the Ship Griffins stock, to the defraying [of] expenses on the [coasts] which from the Maintenance of [. . .] Army as we have been under the Necessity to support, prove extreamly heavy it is with Great Reluctance we have been Compelled to this step being very sensible of the Great Advantage the Company must necessarily reap by having a Considerable fund in China and nothing but the Exigencey of our Affairs should have forced us to it.

The Shaftsbury having suffered Greatly in her Hull by the Shott from the Burmahs the time the [*sic*] Committed the Massacre at our settlement of the Negrais (to which Place she went from Vizagapatam refit) we sent her to Bombay to be repaired, and her return is daily Expected as her Charter Party will expire the end of this month we esteem her the Properest Vessell to be sent to Europe, And we accordingly purpose after having put on Board the Cargoe Laden at Bengal On the Oxford, And Compleated the Shaftesburys Tonnage, to Dispatch her finally from hence.

You may Depend on our Giving as early a Dispatch as possible to the Ships of this season, destined for China and we shall pay due Attention to Your request in having two or three of the Coast & Bay ships consigned to You provided the [*sic*] Cannot Be furnished with proper cargoes here or at Bengall We Observe the Remark you make concerning the Great Embarrassment Passengers Going by way of China are apt to Cause, and wish we cou'd find out any Method to prevent it But we really at Present Cannot think of any likely to prove Effectual very few oppertunities offering for persons to take their Passage for Europe from hence Many people are even against their Inclinations obliged to Make the Tour of China in order to be accomodated on ships bound home from thence; and surely it would be a particular hardship on them to have Obstacles thrown in their way [. . .] is with no sinister view [. . .] By this Conveyance we Consign to you one hundred Candies of Redwood amounting to Pag[s]. 341–31–58 as ℔ Invoice, and Bill of Lading inclosed; Tin is so very dear here that we have no Encouragement to send you any.

The sum you were pleased to Advance M[r]. Dalrymple shall be duely brought to Account.

The Companys Affairs on this Coast have taken a very favourable turn; Our Army on the 22[d]. January Last defeated that of the French and since Karicall, Alamparva with most of their Country Garrisons have fallen into our Possession; The French have retreated within three miles of Pondicherry where they are surrounded by our Troops by Land And Rear Admiral Stevens with en Ships of the Line & who will soon be joined by two more from

Bombay has formed a Line of Blockade, by sea so that all succours are cutt off; If our Reinforcements this year are any ways Considerable, and the French Fleet not superior to Mr. Stevens we make no Doubt but that Pondicherry will fall.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most hum. servts.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
DAMSE. DRAKE.
HENRY VAN SITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. MAY 1760.

P.S.—By Private Advices We learn the Valentine And Suffolk put into Batavia.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ OXFORD.

No. 1 Genl. Letter to Canton dated 1760.
2 Invoice of the Oxford for Canton.
3 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
4 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize ℔ the Oxford.
5 [. . .] Oxford's Victualling Bill.
6 Copy of Captain Webbers Commission for seizing unlicensed Persons.
7 Copy of Captain Webbers Instructions.
8 Copy of Captain Webbers sailing Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10 MAY 1760.

DANL. MORSE
Secry.

No. 25.

TO CAPTAIN WM. WEBBER
OF THE SHIP OXFORD.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and Make the best of Your way to Manilha; After your Arrival there you are to deliver from time to time the Cargoe Laden on board here for that Market and Consigned to Mr. Francis Barnewall whenever he shall think proper to send for the same and to render him all the assistance in Your power in Landing thereof.

As soon as the Cargoe shall have been disposed of you are to receive all such Treasure as shall by order of the said Mr. Francis Barnewall be sent on board, Whether Consignd. to the Companys supracargoes in China, or to private persons there, which you are to deliver upon your safe arrival at Canton your next destined Port Freight free.

We have thought necessary to appoint the first of September next to be the day for Your departure from Manilha for China but provided Mr. Barnewall shall have shipped on board as much Treasure as he may find requisite which must not be Less than Forty Thousand dollars, Conformable to his Agreement with us Before then we would have you proceed therewith to China, without waiting till the day prefixed. In case Contrary to our

expectation Mr. Barnewall shall not be able to load on Board the sum of Forty thousand dollars by the day appointed for your departure for China, your intended voyage thither must not be prosecuted. [. . . .] you must [. . . . . .] Manilha as long as the [. . . .] and receive on board all such Treasure and Merchandize as he shall direct After which you must return to this Port.

During your stay at Manilha we direct you to pay the Strictest regard to the Behavior of your Ships Crew, and suffer as few of them as possible to go on shore, lest from their Committing Riots, or Acting in any shape in a disorderly manner you should be involved in difficulties with the Governmt. there: your ship must Bear Moorish colours and must pass by the name of the Mahomed Pour. Upon your arrival at Canton You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Messrs. Thomas Lockwood Richard Wood Stephen Devisme, Francis Kinnersley, Francis Wood, James Flint, Thomas Thomas, Alexander Hume & Joseph Harrington Supracargoes of Council, And obey their Orders for your further Proceedings. We wish you a Good Voyage and date this in Fort Saint George this 10th. days of May 1760.

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 26.

To Charles Bourchier Esqr.
at Karical.

Sir

We now dispatch to you the Leopard Snow and Queenborough Sloop which You will be pleased to return to us as soon as loaded with such stores as you may think necessary to put on board.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Dawn. Drake.
Henry Van Sittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

May 15th. 1760.
Fort St. George

No. 27.

To Captain Alexander Barclay
of the Snow Leopard.

Sir

Yo are hereby ordered to repair on Board and make the best of your Way to Karical. On your arrival there you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Charles [Bourchier Esqr. and] follow his orders for your further proceedings.

Dated at Fort St. George this 15th. day of May 1760.

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 28.

To Captain Hugh Anderson
of the Sloop Queenborough.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board And Make the Best of Your way to Karical; On your Arrival thence you are to follow all such orders and instructions As You shall receive from Charles Bourchier Esqr. Dated at Fort St. George the 15th. day of May 1760.

George Pigot &ca.
Council.

No. 29.

To the Honble John Zepheniah Holwell Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

CAN. M.

This serves to inclose Invoice and bill of Lading of 122–9– of Redwood put on Board the Snow Ally Dowlat, Amounting to six hundred & sixty three pagodas sixteen fanams and forty three Cash (663–16–43) And Consigned to You on the Hoñble Company's Account.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
May 15th. 1760.

No. 30.

To the Hoñble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Shaftesbury imported here the 18th. Instant by her we received your favor of the 15 April last she took on Board four thousand Bales of Rice at Anjengo and at Calicut Four hundred and Ninety Eight Planks of different sorts.

We dispatched the Oxford to Manilha the 12th. of this Month & from [thence] she will [go to] China the Pocock will sail for [. . .] hope the Shaftesbury will be ready to proceed to Europe some time in July.

Inclosed you will receive Copy of the letters intended to be sent to you instead of those Addressed to the Presidt. & Council of Fort William which your Honour &c. Lately returned to us.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Dawn. Drake.
John Andrews.
Henry V. Sittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. George
May 30th. 1760.

N°. 31.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN ZEPHENIAH HOLWELL ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Ajax which arrived here the 30th. Ultimo we learn that Fort Marlborough with Most of the Other Settlements on the West Coast had fallen into the Possession of the French and that the Denham had been blown up to prevent her being taken by them we have since received Advices from our Resident at Batavia to the same Effect the Particulars whereof are now transmitted you by the Select Committee.

We purpose to Compleat the Tonnage of the Ajax And hope to dispatch her for Europe by the 20th. Instant.

Your Honour &ct. were informed by our letter of the 5th. May, that the President & Council of Bombay had sent hither a Quantity of Gold dust, which they desired we would get coined and as soon as the produce should be known to Grant Bills on you in favour of Captain John [Stewards] for the amount the said Consignment turned out in our Mint, Ten thousand nine hundred and Twelve Pagodas four fanams & seventy Cash (10912–4–70) which [. . .] make Forty thousand one hundred and fifty six Arcot Rupees Ten Anas & six pice (40156–10–6) or forty three Thousand three hundred & sixty nine Current Rupees two Anaes and Twelve pice (43369–2–12) And we have accordingly Given Captain Edwards Bills on You for that sum dated this day.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Yr. Mt. Obedt. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
5TH. JUNE 1760.

N°. 32.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS LOCKWOOD, RICHARD WOOD,
STEPHEN DEVISME, FRANCIS KINNERSLEY,
FRANCIS WOOD, JAMES FLINT, THOMAS THOMAS,
ALEXANDER HUME AND JOSEPH HARRINGTON,
Supra cargoes of Council at CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

We addressed you last by the Oxford under date the 10th. May, Duplicate whereof we now inclose.

The Ajax One of the Ships sent from Bengal to the West Coast, in order to take in the surplus Pepper on hand to proceed from thence to Europe imported here the 30th. Ultimo by her we learn that a French ship of seventy four Guns, and a Frigate with a Considerable body of Land forces on Board had taken Fort Marlbro', Tapanooley and Natal and that the Denham which arrived at Marlbro two days Before the French came Before it was Blown up to prevent her falling into their hands, We have since received Advices from our Resident at Batavia that the deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlbro' foreseeing the danger that place was in had sent all their Treasure to Batavia with Orders to him our said Resident, to consign it to you he writes that he has laden Nineteen chests on the Suffolk and the like quantity On the Valentine agreeable to those Orders the former we learn sailed out of Batavia Road [for Canton] the 7th. April And the Latter was speedily to follow, inclosed you will receive copys of the Receipts for that Treasure.

We also transmit to you a Letter addressed to you from the President & Council of Bombay.

The Cash put on Board those two ships We hope will arrive safe with you, as it must of Course prove a very welcome supply.

The Pocock being ready to proceed to China We now dispatch her to you.

We have not as yet received any advice of our expected China Men when they do come you may depend on our giving them as early a Dispatch as possible. Captain Newton Mr. Lame and his family with two French Officers & fifteen French Prisoners take their Passage on the Pocock, We are sorry to say we find it impracticable to Prevent People Going to Europe by way of China the Prisiners we desire you will send home on such ships as you shall think Most Convenient.

FORT ST. GEORGE
12 JUNE 1760.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. hum. servts.
GEORGE PIGOT &C. COUNCIL.

See the List of the Packet after No. 86.

No. 33.

TO THE HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY
TO ANY OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SERVANTS THAT MAY BE FOUND RESIDING ON THE WEST COAST.

We have received the Disagreeable advice Both from Mr. Priston at Moco Moco and Mr. Norris who was at Croe of the certain Loss of Fort Marlbro and that all the other settlements on the West Coast [. . .] to be in the hands of the French who it is most probable wou'd carry the Companys people all off from the Place which it is reasonable to Judge wou'd be abandon'd when the Enemy had done what mischief they were able; However we have thought proper to Order Captn. Baker in the London Schooner to call upon the Coast at the Most safe place that he may Obtain Intelligence if the Enemy is gone and in what Condition the Honble Companys Settlements are left, that in case it should happen, any remain in our possession where some of the Companys servants not fallen into the hands of the French should still reside. He may go there to Learn their situation and afford all the assistance he can by taking on Board his Vessell you and all the Companys & Your Own Effects which he may have room for, if you are under the apprehension either of being distress'd or Unable to keep the place you are in with safety which we are very sorry to find the cruel and Treacherous Behaviour of the Malays reported to us has Given too much room to Doubt of. We therefore hope if any of the Companys people yet Remain on the West Coast in Dangerous Circumstances Capt. Baker May Relieve them and bring them to this Coast to wait till Opportunity Offers for us to Reestablish the Companys possession on the Island of Sumatra with Security. Wherefore when you leave the shore you should cause the English Colours to be fixed there and signify to the Inhabitants that tho' you quit the place it is only to bring a Sufficient force to maintain the Company's Right [to it which you assert] by fixing their standard.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
[*Lacuna.*]

No. 34.

To Capt. Thomas Debuke
of the Ship Pocock.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship, And Make the best of Your Way to the River of Canton where on Your Arrival you will deliver the Accompany [*sic*] Packet to the Supracargoes of Council there, whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 12th. day of June 1760.

No. 35.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. & Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Ajax which arrived here the 30th. Ulto. we Learnt that Fort Marlbro, with Most of the Other Settlements on the West Coast had fallen into the possession of the French and that the Denham had Been Blown up to prevent her being taken by them the Particulars Whereof are now transmitted you by the Select Committee, We have since received Advices from our Resident at Batavia that the deputy Governour and Council of Marlbro foreseeing the danger that Place was in had sent all their Treasure to Batavia with orders to him to consign it to the Resident Supracargoes at Canton : Nineteen Chests were accordingly put on Board the Suffolk and the like Quantity on the Valentine; the former we are told sailed out of Batavia Road for Canton the 7th. April and the Latter was speedily to follow.

The Consignment of Gold dust you were pleased to forward hither turned out in our Mint Ten thousand Nine hundred & Twelve Pagodas four fanams And seventy Cash (10912–4–70) which at A.R. 368 ₰ % Pagodas made Forty thousand one hundred & fifty six Arcot Rupees ten Anaes and six pice (40156–10–6) and we have agreeable to your Honr. &ct. Request Granted Bills on the Presidt. & Council of Fort William in favor of Captain Edwards for that sum.

We wish that the West Coast Treasure put on Board the Suffolk And Valentine may arrive safe at Canton as it must necessarily prove a very Welcome Supply; And which added to the Stocks of those Ships & the Money to be Consigned thither from Manilha will furnish the Supracargoes with the means of Procuring Cargoes for their Ships, at least we are the more induced to hope so, as we have been Obliged to apropriate the Gold dust sent by you to the Defraying of our expences on the Coast which from the Maintenance of so Numerous an Army as we are under the Necessity to support fall Extreamly heavy; It is with Great reluctance we have been Compelled to this Step And Nothing but the Exigency of our Affairs should have forced us to it.

We purpose to compleat the Tonnage of the Ajax and imagin [that we] shall be able to dispatch her for Europe by the 1st. of the Ensuing Month.

The Pocock sailed this day for China.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Yr. Mst. Obedt., humble Servts.
George Pigot &ca.
Council.

Fort St. George
14th. June 1760.

No. 36.

To Thomas Heath Esqr.
at Vizagapatam.

Sir

A frequent Intercourse of Letters being found Necessary to be kept up between this Presidency and that of Fort William in Bengal, we have come to a Resolution to have Tappies fixed at such stages as may be most likely to Answer the end proposed by Communicating the Earliest Intelligence from one settlement to the Other, as occasion shall require.

You are therefore to settle with Mr. Alexander how Tappies may most conveniently be placed from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam that is, What Number of Stages may be Necessary, and show many of those stages each of You must furnish, And You are in like Manner to Concert the proper Measures with the Chief of Ballasore for fixing Tappies from Your place to that, to the best Advantage.

We doubt not but you will take particular care that no time be lost in Carrying these our directions into execution and Are

Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca.
Council.

Fort St. George
28th. June 1760.

No. 37.

To Mr. James Alexander
at Masulipatam.

Sir

A frequent Intercourse of Letters being found necessary to be kept up Between this Presidency and that of Fort William in Bengal we have come to a Resolution to have Tappies fixed at such stages as may be most likely to Answer the end proposed by communicating the Earliest Intelligence from one Settlement to the other, as occasion shall require.

You are therefore without loss of time to settle with Mr. Heath how Tappies most conveniently be placed from Masulipatam to Vizagapatam, that is What Number of stages may be Necessary and how many of those stages each of You must furnish.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
28th. June 1760.

No. 38.

To the Honble Companys Supracargoes
on Board the Ship Norfolk & Duke of Richmond.

Gentlemen

The Settlement of Fort Marlbro & most of its Dependencies having fallen into the Hands of the French we find Ourselves under the Necessity of Ordering Captain Benjamin Godfrey of the Duke of Richmond one of the Ships Consigned to the Gentlemen of the same Commission with you to repair hither which we now signifie to him.

By Advices received from Mr. John Herbert our Resident at Batavia we learn that the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbro [foreseeing] the [Danger] that place was in had sent all their Treasure to Batavia with Orders to him to Consign it to the Resident supracargoes at Canton. He will inform you that he has laden Nineteen Chests on the Suffolk and the like Quantity on the Valentine Agreeable to those Orders.

The Oxford which sailed for Manilha in the month of May last in freight is After landing her Cargoe to proceed to China; The Persons Concerned in the Voyage have Agreed with us to ship on Board at Manilha in dollars the Outturn of the Cargoe, which we imagine will be Eighty Thousand or upwards and to consign the same to the supracargoes in China for the use of the Company upon Condition that we will repay the Amount here Dollar for Dollar, after deduction of Freight; These large sums we hope will not only serve to Compleat the Tonnage of the last years shipping but likewise go some way Towards procuring Cargoes for those of this season, that Consideration therefore Added to our Necessitous Circumstances, together with the present Alteration of the Duke of Richmonds Voyage induce us how to apply to You for the whole of the Treasure put on board that ship and we flatter ourselves you will not hesitate in Complying with Our request, when you are Informed that the present Exigencey of our affairs demands all possible assistance with regard to supplys of Cash.

We purpose to send the Duke of Richmond to China early next season, and hope to furnish you with Treasure sufficient to procure a [whole cargoe] for her.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedt. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 39.

TO MR. JOHN HERBERT
RESIDENT AT BATAVIA.

SIR

The Pocock snow which imported here the 3d. Instant brought us your letter of the 7th. April the enclosed Papers turned out Agreeable to the list sent therewith.

Upon reference to the Contract made Between the Commander of that Vessell and you we find the terms altogether unreasonable, such indeed as you should on no account have entered into, we cannot therefore but highly disaprove of your conduct in that affair for altho you might have been Ordered by the Deputy Govr. and Council at Fort Marlborough to dispatch their Packet hither with expedition it never Could have been their intention that the Company should be put to so heavy a charge for such advice and therefore you ought to have waited untill another opportunity offered, The Power Vested in You as Resident must not be deemed sufficient to warrant or authorize you to act in such an Extravagant manner, and you must in future in all proceedings where the Companys Interest is Concerned have the strictest Eye to Frugality.

The Owners of the Pocock had a full Cargoe on Board their Vessell which they Brought hither tho she was hired at so large a Freight they requiring such an immoderate sum for the service of only conveying the Packet carries with it a most pitifull mercenary appearance; We accordingly propose to Charge the highest Freight Possible on the Cargoe brought on her in order to indemnify our Employers [as much as lies in our] Power after the imprudent step you have taken.

As it will be necessary for us to have some persons Residing at Batavia we wou'd have you Continue there.

We have sent Orders to Captain Benjamin Godfrey of the Duke of Richmond to repair hither from Batavia and to Bring, Assisted by the Duke now dispatched to you the Treasure Military and Stores Consigned to Fort Marlborough; should these ships not be sufficient to take all the stores on Board, we have directed Captain Bonham to leave the surplus with you which you are to send us in freight as Opportunitys offer.

The Honble Companys ship Duke having On Board the salt formerly intended for the use of the Use of the West Coast we desire you will Dispose thereof to the Best Advantage.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot &Ca. Council.

Fort St. George
30th. June 1760.

No. 40.

To Captain Pinson Bonham
of the ship Norfolk.

Sir

Having found it necessary to direct Captain Benjamin Godfrey of the Duke of Richmond to repair hither with his ship you are therefore hereby Ordered to receive from him all the Merchandize and stores he has on board consigned to the Honble Companys supracargoes at Canton and to forward to us by the [Duke of Richmond] & the Duke all the Treasure Military and Stores which you may have intended for Fort Marlborõ, which settlement and most of its Dependencies We hear have fallen into the hands of the French in case the Duke of Richmond & The Duke should not be able to bring all the Merchandize & Stores; You are to leave the surplus with Mr. John Herbert our Resident at Batavia.

Dated at Fort St. George this 30th. June 1760.

George Pigot &Ca. Council.

No. 41.

To Captain Benjamin Godfrey
of the Ship Duke of Richmond.

Sir

The Loss of Fort Marlbrõ, and the Other settlements on the West Coast having made it Necessary for us to Order you to repair hither, You are therefore hereby Ordered to deliver Over to Captain Pinson Bonham of the Norfolk all the Merchandize and Stores you may have Consigned to the Honble Companys supracargoes at Canton, And to Receive on Board Your Ship all the Treasure & Military And as much of the Stores belonging to the Norfolk intended for Bencoolen as You can, with which and what consignments you already have for that place you are to proceed as expeditiously as Possible to this Port. Dated at Fort St. George this 30th. June 1760.

George Pigot &Ca. Council.

No. 42.

To Captain Thomas Savage
of the Honble Company's Ship Duke.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to Repair on Board and make the best of Your way to Batavia. On Your Arrival there You are to Deliver the Letters sent you herewith to Mr. John Herbert the Companys Resident, and follow such Orders as you shall Receive from him for Your further Proceedings.

We wish you a Good Voyage and Date this in Fort Saint George this 30th. day of June 1760.

George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 43.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last letter to You was under date the 14th. Instant Duplicate whereof we now Inclose.

We also transmit you agreeable to the Order of the Honble Court of Directors Extract of their General Letter to Us by his Majestys ship Norfolk dated 23d. November 1759. Relative to Mr. Robert Orme.

We were extreamly surprized upon an examination of the Planks sent Us from Calicut on the Shaftesbury to find that only four hundred and ninety Eight had been put on Board and those Scarce fit for use; As we had reason to expect a large supply of Timber and Plank from thence our Disapointment proved the Greater Mr. Huet who went from Tellicherry to Calicut purposely to Dispatch the Shaftesbury in his Letter of the 5th. of May advises us that he had Consigned to us as many Planks as the Commander Could take on board upon our demanding of Captain Inglis his reasons for not bringing more he Aledged, that finding the Weather began to breake he told Mr. Huet it would not be safe to keep the ship On that Coast any longer, more Especially as the Plank intended to be sent was so bad that it could be of little or no use Consequently did not deserve staying any longer for Whereupon the Ship was dispatched. By Vessells which have imported here from Calicut we learn that there is a Considerable Quantity both of Timber & Plank lying there Belonging to the Company and of a Good Quality if so we request Your Honr. &ct. will Enquire how we came to be so badly served and at a Time too when we stood so much in need of those Articles.

On the 2d. Instant we received the Europe Packet by the Syren which those Gentlemen dispatched to us.

We now forward to You a Packet from the chief And Factors at Anjengo which Arrived with us the 27 Ultimo.

The Honble Companys Ship Godolphin arrived here the 17th.

Fort St. George
5th. July 1760.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient servts.
George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 44.

To Mr. James Alexander
at Masulipatam.

Sir

Before Mr. [Andrews] departure from Masulipatam we gave him General Orders [to employ all] the money that should come to his hands from the Revenues of the Country in Making an Investment after reserving a sufficiency for the Charges of this Settlement; We find it Necessary now to Reverse that Order and you are not from the Receit [*sic*] of this to Advance any thing more on that Account untill you receive our further Directions, but after reserving for the Expences of the settlement You are by the first Good sea Conveyance that Offers to send us up all the surplus.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ct. Council.

Fort St. George
12th. July 1760.

No. 45.

To the Honble F. Z. Holwell Esqr. Pr. & Govr. &ct. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

1st. & 3. His Majesty having been pleased to Order his Ships the Norfolk and Panther to Join the Squadron here Commanded by Mr. Stevens We received by them a General Letter from the Company with one for Your Honour &ca.

3. We have promoted Ross Lang Esqr. to the Rank of Captain & Mr. Archibald Blair to the Rank of Captain Lieutenant their Commissions are now forwarded to you.

2d. & 3. Mr. Van Sittart having from An Unwearied Diligence and close application acquired such a knowledge of the Companys Affairs and distinguished himself in [. . .] manner as to make our Employers think it necessary to shew him some mark of their favour they have in the Commands we have now received from them been pleased to Acquaint us with their high sense of his services and as a Reward for his Merit have placed him amongst You Gentlemen; He accordingly takes the Opportunity of the Godolphin's proceeding to the Bay, to pay that Obedience to their Commands he has Always done he is Charged with the Letters from our Employers, and we have desired the favour of him to be the Bearer of this Also. He has been a very Valuable Member of our Society and we doubt not he will be equally acceptable to you in his publick as in his Private Capacity.

5. The Bills we now draw are on the Conditions mentioned in Your Letter of the 1st. of April last and to the following Amount payable at ten days sight.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value recd.	ARs.	CRs.
1	Henry Vansittart Esqr. ..	The Hon'ble Geo. Pigot Esqr.	72000	77600
1	Mr. John Jonston ..	Mr. John Calland ..	1700	1836
2		Setts amounting to ..	73700	79436

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ct. Council.

Fort St. George
July 12th. 1760.

4. The Honble Companys Snow Syren not Being Able to work up from Anjengo to Bombay on Account of bad weather and Being at the same time in want of Refreshments was obliged to put into Karicall where she arrived the 29th. Ultimo.

No. 46.

To Captain William Hutchinson
of the Ship Godolphin.

Sir

Your are hereby Ordered to Repair on board Your Ship And make the best of Your way to Fort William in Bengal On Your arrival there you are to follow all such Orders as You shall Receive from the President and Council for Your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George this 12th. day of July 1760.

George Pigot &ct. Council.

No. 47.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
Presidt. & Goverr. &ca. Council at
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the pleasure to Address you the 12th. Instant by the Godolphin on which ship Mr. Van Sittart took his passage and we hope is safely arrived wth. You.

On the 26 Instant Our Honble Masters Ship Onslow imported here she left England in November, but loseing [*sic*] a Mast in the Bay of Biscay she was Obliged to put Back to Plymouth from whence she sailed the 28th. February.

As it is now extreamly Doubtfull whither any of their ships intended for this Coast & China will Arrive in time to Save their passage to Canton We have resolved to dispatch the Onslow thither as soon as she can be [got ready. this] has Obliged us to Open the Packet addressed to Your Honr. &ct. in Order to take out the Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Cargo Consigned to you which done the packet was again Immediately sealed and is now forwarded to you the Cargo must remain here untill we meet with Good Opportunities of sending it down and you May be assured we shall not Omit any.

Inclosed your Honr. &ct. will Receive Invoice & Bill of Lading of one thousand four hundred and fifty one Pieces of Redwood Poizing Ca. 260–15m–23lb laden on this Vessell Amounting to Pags.

As also our Account Current with Your presidency.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ct.
Council.

Fort St. George
July 31st. 1760.

N°. 48.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^t^. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last under date the 31st. Ultimo to Advise you of the Arrival of the Honble Companys Ship Onslow and at the same time informed you of our Intention to send her to Canton as it then appeared extreamly Doubtfull whither any of the Ships intended for the Coast of China would arrive in time to save their Passage but as the Carnarvan Princess Augusta & Warick the three ships intended for China have since arrived we purpose to send them thither and shall despatch the Onslow to You Agreeable to her first Destination.

The Lord Mansfield imported here the 10th. Instant and we learn that the Falmouth Joined the Squadron the 3d. so that we hourly expect her.

We now forward a Packet from the Hoñble Court of Directors addressed to Your Honr. &ct. together with Extract of such Paragraphs of the General Letter we received by the Princess Augusta as relate to Your Settlement as for the Investment mentioned in the last of these Paragraphs we shall only say that we long ago laid aside all thoughts of providing any Cloth.

Our Honble Employers not having sent us Out any Treasure by the Ships of this season our Chief Dependance is upon You; We therefore hope that Your Affairs have taken so favourable a Turn as to enable You to furnish us with large supplys; The Welfare of our Affairs will in a Great Measure rely upon the assistance we shall receive from You we therefore do not Doubt but that you will use every method possible to relieve us in this our Present distress for Money.

Herewith you will receive a Packet directed to John Cailland Esqr. Inclosing his Majesty's Brevet to him as Lieutenant Colonel of Foot in the East Indies.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ca.
Council

Fort St. George
11th. Augt. 1760.

N°. 49.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to acknowledge the reach of Your favour of the 12th. June and have in Compliance with Your Request forwarded the Packet to the President and Council at Fort William.

Enclosed comes Duplicate of our last under Date the 5th. July.

Our Honble Masters ship Onslow Imported here the 26th. Ultimo from Europe as did the Princess Augusta and Warwick the 9th. Carnarvan and Lord Mansfield the 10th. the Falmouth the 12th. Instant the Princess Augusta and Warwick & Carnarvan. We are now unloading and hope to dispatch them in a few days to China.

We Now forward to You Extracts of the General Letter received by the Princess Augusta which Relates to Your Presidency as to the Investment mentioned in one of them We shall only say that We long ago laid Aside all thoughts of providing Cloth We must therefore leave it Entirely to you to Comply with our Honble Masters Commands in providing Anjengo Salampores in Lieu of Long Cloth Ordinary & Midling the former they Indent for Fifty Thousand Pieces of the Latter Twenty Thousand.

The Very Urgent Demands we have for Treasure to forward our Military Operations And other Exigenceys that our Great inability to Comply with them Obliges us in the most pressing Manner to desire Your Hon^r. &c^a. will Assist us with that Article in as Ample A Manner as possible without which we have Reason to apprehend very bad Consequences, Our former letters are so full on this subject that we need not Urge the Expediencey of Your Compliance, We have therefore Only to Assure You that on it Greatly Depends the success of our Honble Masters Affairs on this Coast we have wrote very Pressingly to the Gentlemen at Bengall on this subject and are assured they will exert themselves in Assisting us to the Utmost tho' we can have but small hopes if the Troubles in that province still subsist.

Enclosed You will receive an Account Current with Your Presidency Extracted from our General Books Ending April 1760.

The Ajax Sailed from hence for England Yesterday.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. Serv^ts.
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A.
COUNCIL.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
11TH. AUGUST 1760.

N°. 50.

TO THOMAS WHITEHILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

We are to acknowledge your favour of the 13th. June And to acquaint you that agreable to your desire we forwarded the Packet to the President and Council at Bombay.

Our Honble Masters ship Onslow Imported here from Europe the 26th. Ultimo as did the Princess Augusta and Warwick the 9th. Carnarvan and Lord Mansfield the 10th. And the Falmouth the 12th. Instant the Princess Augusta & Warwick And Carnarvan We are now unloading and hope to Dispatch them to China in a few days.

By the Onslow We Received two Packets Under Your Address which we now forward.

The Ajax sailed from hence for Europe this Morning.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
JOHN SMITH &C^A.
COUNCIL.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
19 AUGUST 1760.

N°. 51.

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQ^R^. CHIEF
&C^T^. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Our Grainkeeper lately laid Before us an Account of the Grain imported here by the Shaftesbury at the same time informed us that there was a Dificiency of fifteen and a Quart ℔ C^t^. upon our Calling on Captain Inglis to make Good the same Alledged that he had fullfilled the Tenor of the Bill of Lading by having delivered the Number of Robins for which he had signed; and added that he Objected at first to the Package of the badness of which M^r^. Hodges seemed very sensible but said that the season was too far advanced for him to detain the ship till the rice could be repacked. We have the Pleasure to Acquaint you that the Onslow imported here the 26th. Ultimo. the Princess Augusta & Warwick the 9th. the Carnarvan & Lord Mansfield the 10th. & Falmouth the 12th. Instant.

The Ajax was finally dispatched to Europe the 18th. Instant.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

JOHN SMITH &C^A^. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
26TH. AUGUST 1760.

N°. 52.

TO MESS^RS^. THOMAS LACKWOD THOMAS FITZHUGH if in CHINA
SAM^L^. BLOUNT, HENRY REVELL, FRANCIS
KINNERSLEY, FRANCIS WOOD, JAMES FLINT
BENJAMIN TORIN if in CHINA
JOHN SEARLE MAN HORNER, ROBERT JOHN HARRISON and
ALEXANDER FRAZER SUPRA CARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

The Pocock which ship sailed from hence the 14th. June Carried you a Letter of the 12th. of that Month Duplicate whereof is Now Inclosed.

We have the pleasure to Acquaint you that the Onslow imported here the 26th. July. The Princess Augusta and Warwick the 9th. Carnarvan and Lord Mansfield the 10th. and Falmouth the 12th. Instant.

The Princess Augusta Carnarvan And Warwick being Destined for China we now dispatch them to you. We have on our part used all possible expedition in taking out their stores intended for this Settlement. And we hope they will all save their Passages; By a Letter we have received from our Honble Employers under date the 15th. February last we are informed that the stock of these three ships are on Board the Norfolk & Duke of Richmond we shall be sincerely Glad to hear of the safe Arrival of those last mentioned ships with you, since their Consignments of Treasure are so very considerable But we Cannot at the same time help declaring that we are under no small apprehensions on their account since by Being ordered to the West Coast it is most probable they will fall in with the two French ships which lately reduced our settlements there, and which it is Generally imagined are still on their Cruize; however should they unexpectedly avoid them & reach China we make no Doubt but you will then have a Fund sufficient to enable you to procure

proper Cargoes for all the ships, We mean with the addition of the Oxford's money and the Treasure forwarded to you from Batavia on the Valentine and Suffolk.

We have been able to Get but little Redwood. The whole sent on those ships Amount to 193 ca.–6 m.–8 lb. As ꝑ Invoices and Bills of Lading inclosed several Private persons having of late Contracted with the Redwood Merchants to supply them with Quantitys of that Article for the China Market much to the Detriment of the Company We purpose in future to Prohibit the Exportation thereof We shall by this means have it in our power to purchase all that may be Brought to this Market for the Company and to furnish you Gentlemn. With A Sufficiency.

The Great Number of French Prisoners here proving not only very Inconvenient but Likewise dangerous, we are therefore using our Endeavours to Get rid of them in the Best manner we can Two Officers now accordingly proceed on each of these ships And we Request of You to distribute them on Board such of the homeward Bound Ships as you shall esteem most Convenient; A Regard to our own safety has Compelled us to this Measure otherwise we wou'd not have troubled you with those People.

We have Advice that the Pitt from China & the Warren from this Place Arrived at Kinsale the former the 23d. and the Latter the 24th. February.

The Ajax Captain Lindsey was finally dispatched from hence for Europe the 8th. Instant.

Our Affairs on this Coast continue nearly in the same state, as when we last wrote to you. The French still Remain under their Guns our Army round them, and their Communication by Sea entirely stopt up by the Fleet under the Command of Rear Admiral [Stevens] We are in Daily Expectation of being reinforced and we hope in such a manner as to enable us when a proper opportunity shall Offer to lay siege to Pondicherry.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. humble servt.
JOHN SMITH &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. AUGUST 1760.

Since writing the before Going We have received Advice that the Triton put into Vizagapatam the 16th. Instant And on the 17th. sailed for Bengal having left the inclosed Copy of the Journal by which you will be informed of the reasons which occasion'd the Captain to deviate from his destined voyage.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ꝑ CARNARVAN.

No. 1 Genl. Letter Dated 28th. August 1760.
2 Dupt. Genl. Letter Dated 12th. June 1760.
3 Invoice of the Carnarvan to Canton.
4 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
5 Copy of the Caernarvons Victualling Bill.
6 Copy of the Caurnarvons Charter party.
7 Copy Captain Hutchinsons Instructions.
8 Copy Captain Hutchinsons Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
9 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize ꝑ Caernarvan.
10 Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors to the Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.

11 Copy of Captain Hutchinsons Dispatches.
12 Accot. of Goods Difficient ℘ Caernarvan } To be sent home
13 Accot. of Iron Difficient ℘ Caernarvan } with this ship.
14 Copy Intelligence by the Honble Companys Ship Inton.

DANL. MORSE,
Secy.

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. AUGUST 1760.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ℘ PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

No. 1 Genl. Letter Dated 28th. August 1760.
2 Invoice of the Princess Augusta to Canton.
3 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
4 Copy of the Princess Augusta Victualling Bill.
5 Copy of the Princess Augusta Charter party.
6 Copy of Captain Baddisons Instructions.
7 Copy of Captain Baddisons Commission to sieze unlicensed Persons.
8 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize ℘ Princess Augusta.
9 Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors to the Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.
10 Copy Captain Baddisons sailing Orders.
11 Acct. of Difficienceys ℘ Princess Augusta.
12 Copy of Intelligence by the Honble Compys. Ship Triton.

DANIEL MORSE,
Secy.

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. AUGUST 1760.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ℘ WARWICK.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 28th. August 1760.
2 Invoice of the Warwick to Canton.
3 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
4 Copy of the Warwicks Victualling Bill.
5 Copy of the Warwicks Charter Party.
6 Copy of Captain Dawar Instructions.
7 Copy of Captain Dawars Commission to Seize Unlicensed Persons.
8 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize ℘ Warwick.
9 Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors to the Supra-Cargoes of Council at Canton.
10 Copy of Captain Dewars Sailing Orders.
11 Accot. of Goods Deficient ℘ Warwick } to be sent home
12 Accot. of Iron Defficient ℘ Warwick } in the ship
13 Copy of Intelligence by the Honble Companys ship Triton.

DANIEL MORSE,
Secy.

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH. AUGUST 1760.

No. 53.

To Messrs. Thomas Lockwood, Samuel Blount, Henry Revell, Francis Kinnersley, Francis Wood, James Flint, John Searle, Manx Horner, Robert John Harrison and Alexander Frazer Supra Cargo's of Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

Since closing our letter to you under date the 28th. Instant, The Honble Companys ship Admiral Watson has imported here; she Brings advice that she parted Company with the Latham Prince Edwd. Sandwich and Lord Anson off the Island of Comorrha so that we are in daily expectation of their Arrival Inclosed we Transmit you Manifest of the private Trade landed here from the Caernarvan, Princess Augusta and Warwick and are.

Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
John Smith &ca. Council.

No. 54.

To Captain Norton Hutchinson of the Caernarvan.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton; If you should find it impracticable to Gain Your passage by going in the usual Tract, in such case You are without loss of Time to proceed thro' the Streights which Captain William Wilson in the Pitt Passed the beginning of Last Year Agreeable to the Directions Given to you, say Your Reaching China will be of that utmost Consequence to the Company you must make use of every Measure possible to Get thither upon Your Arrival you are to Deliver the Accompanying Packets to the Resident Supra cargoes and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings We wish you a safe & speedy voyage and Date this in Fort St. George this 28th. day of August 1760.

John Smith &ca.
Council.

No. 55.

To Captain Thomas Baddison of the Princess Augusta.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board Your ship and make the Best of Your way to the Port of Canton If you should find it impracticable to gain Your passage by going in the usual Tract, in such case you are without Loss of time to proceed thro' the Streights which Captain William Wilson in the Pitt Passed the begining of Last Year; Agreeable to the Directions herewith given to You, As your reaching China will be of the utmost Consequence to the Company you must make Use of every measure possible to get thither upon Your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packets to the Resident Supra Cargoes and follow their Orders for Your further Proceedings. We wish you a safe and speedy Voyage and Date this in Fort St. George this 28th. day of August 1760.

John Smith &ca.
Council.

N°. 56.

To Captain James Dewar
of the Warwick.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton, If you should find it impracticable to gain Your Passage by going in the usual Tract; in such case you are without Loss of Time to proceed thro' the Streights which Captain William Wilson in the Pitt Passed the Begining [*sic*] of Last Year; Agreeable to the Directions herewith Given to You, As your reaching China will be of the utmost Consequence to the Company you must make use of every measure possible to Get thither upon Your arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packets to the Resident Supra Cargoes And follow their Orders for Your further Proceedings. We wish you a Safe & Speedy Voyage, and date this in Fort S^{t}. George this 28th. day of August 1760.

John Smith &c^{a}.
Council.

N°. 57.

To Captain Norton Hutchinson
of the Caernavan.

Sir

Since the date of your dispatches We have received Advice that the Triton having Spoke with a Dutch Vessell in the Streights of Sunda was informed that two French Ships were Cruizing in those Streights and that two Others were Gone to the Streights of Malacca or the Ladrom Islands to lay in wait for the Companys ships upon this Intelligence The Tryton proceeded to this Coast, Arrived at Vizagapatam And is Gone from thence for Bengall we enclose a Copy of the Extract sent of the Frytons Journal for your information, and as there is Great reason from hence to Apprehend Danger in the Streights of Malacca we think you will do well to attempt the Pitts passage by the Streights of Bally or Lumback without Going thro' those of Malacca and recommend it to you Accordingly.

George Pigot &c^{a}.
Council

Fort S^{t}. George
Sepr. 3^{d}. 1760.

N°. 58.

To Captain Thomas Baddison
of the Princess Augusta.

Sir

Since the date of your dispatches we have received Advice that the Triton having spake with a Dutch Vessell in the Streights of Sunda was informed that two French Ships were Cruizing in those Streights and that two Others were Gone to the Streights of Malacca or the Ladrom Islands to lay in wait for the Companys Ships upon this Intelligence the Tryton proceeded to this Coast arrived at Vizagapatam and is Gone from thence for Bengall we enclose a Copy of the Extract sent of the Trytons Journal for your Information and as there is Great Reason from thence to Apprehend Danger in the

Streights of Malacca, we think you will do well to attempt the Pitt Passage by the Streights of Bally or Lumback without going through those of Malacca and reccomend it to you accordingly.

GEORGE PIGOT &C[A]. COUNCIL.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
SEP[R]. 3[D]. 1760.

N[o]. 59.

TO CAPTAIN JAMES DEWAR
OF THE WARWICK.

SIR

Since the date of your dispatches we have received Advice that the Triton having Spoke with a Dutch Vessell in the Streights of Sunda was informed that two French ships were cruizing in those Streights and that two others were gone to the Streights of Malacca or the Ladrom Islands to lay in wait for Companys Ships upon the intelligence the Tryton proceeded to this Coast at Vizagapatam and is Gone from thence for Bengall we enclose a Copy of the Extract sent of the Trytons Journal for your Information And as there is Great reason to apprehend danger in the Streights of Malacca We think you will do well to Attempt the Pitts Passage by the Streights of Bally or Lumback without Going thro those of Malacca And Reccomend it to You accordingly.

GEORGE PIGOT &C[A].
COUNCIL.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
SEP[R]. 3[D]. 1760.

N[o]. 60.

TO M[R]. JAMES ALEXANDER
AT MASULIPATAM.

SIR

As we have reason to expect that one of the Companys Ships will be sent from Bengall with half a Loading so as to be Able to Arrive here in the month of January next in order to be filled up and finally dispatched to Europe We therefore desire you will send us up Before the approaching Monsoon, all the Bales that Can possibly be Got ready.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &C[A].
COUNCIL.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
11TH. SEP[R]. 1760.

N[o]. 61.

TO THE HON̄BLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOV[R]. &C. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

We did ourselves the pleasure to Address you last under date the 19th. Ultimo which we hope has reached you since that time we have received your fav[r]. of the 3[d]. August.

We have the pleasure to Inform you that Our Honble Masters Ship Admiral Watson Arrived here the 30th. Ultimo the Prince Edward and Sandwich the 7th. Instant the Latham on the 8th. And the Lord Anson on the 10th.

Your Honr. &ca. will receive herewith Extracts of a General Letter to us from the Honble the Court of Directors Appointing Bacon [*sic*] de Vasserot to be placed on your Establishment and Ordering him to the Command of Sucat Castle We have Acquainted Bacon [*sic*] de Vasserot with the Orders concerning him and he will take his passage on the first Vessell which sails for the Malabar Coast.

The Shaftesbury is now under dispatch for Europe & we hope will be ready by the Middle of next Month.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ct. Council.

Fort St. George
13th. Septr. 1760.

P.S. The Account Current with your Presidency mention whereof was made in our Letter of the 19th. Augst. not being quite finished when our said letter was closed we now take the Liberty to forward [it to] you.

No. 62.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
Presidt. & Governor &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address bore date the 11th. Ultimo Duplicate whereof we now enclose.

We have the pleasure to inform you that our Honble Masters Ship Admiral Watson arrived here the 30th. Ultimo The Prince Edward and Sandwich the 7th. instant the Latham on the 8th. & the Lord Anson on the 10th.

The Ajax sailed for Europe the 18th. Ultimo. The Shaftesbury is now under dispatch & We imagine will be ready by the Middle of next month.

We now forward to you the Ship Lord Mansfield The Onslow Prince Edward Sandwich Latham, & Lord Anson will speedily follow; We request Your Honr. &ca. to send us one ship half Loaded so as to Arrive here in the Month of January in order that we may fill her up & finally dispatch her to Europe.

We have under the necessity of taking Out most of the Warlike stores consigned to Your presidencey [*sic*] by the ships of this Season. We hope you will not be put to Any inconveniencies thereby.

As Our Indents by the Grantham Miscarried and the Duplicates did not reach in time for the dispatch of this years shipping Our Honble Masters have Omitted to send us any of the Cloths Mentioned in the Accompanying List which we are in Great want of for Military Cloathing. We therefore desire your Honr. &ct. will supply us with the quantity we now Indent for if Possible.

Inclosed you will receive Extract of a general Letter to us from the Honble the Court of Directors Appointing Mr. Thomas Lane late A Writer here to be Placed on Your Establishment.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servts.
George Pigot &ct.
Council.

Fort St. George
13th. September 1760.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℘ LORD MANSFIELD TO BENGAL.

N°. 1 General Letter Dated 13th. September 1760.
2 Duplicate D°. 11th. August ,,
3 Extract of the General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors Dated 7th. Decemr. 1759
4 Indent for Cloth for Military Cloathing.
5 Copy of the Lord Mansfield Victualling Bill.
6 Copy of Captain Mcleods Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons.
7 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize ℘ Lord Mansfield.
8 Copy of the Lord Mansfields Charter Party.
9 Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors Directed to the Honble the President & Council for all the Affairs of the English nation at Fort William in Bengall.
10 Copy of Captain Mcleods Dispatch.
11 Invoice of Military Stores and Redwood.
12 Bill of Lading of D°. Mansfield to Fort St. George.
13 Bill of Lading of D°. To Bengall.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13TH. SEPTEMBER 1760.

N°. 63.

TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MCLEOD
OF THE SHIP LORD MANSFIELD.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the Best of your Way to the River of Bengall and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packet to the Resident and Council of Fort William and on no accot. to carry Your Ship higher up without their Particular Directions. We wish you a Good Voyage and Date this in Fort St George this 16th. day of Septemr. 1760.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

N°. 64.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Honble Companys Sloop Queenborough Being returned from the southward and ready to proceed to your Persidencey [*sic*] we now accordingly dispatch her. We have laden on Board 42–17–7 of Redwood As ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading.

The very Urgent Demands we have for Treasure to forward our Military Opperations [*sic*] & other Exigenceys & Our Great Inability to Comply with them Oblige us in the Most pressing Manner to desire you will supply us with that Article and to that End we are led to request your Honr. &ct. will send us up as speedily as possible the money Intended for China on the Triton, since that ship has been [prevented] from prosecuting her destin'd Voyage. As the success of our affairs will Greatly Depend on the Assistance we shall receive from you, we are well convinced you will Exert Yourselves to the Utmost of your power.

Our Honble Masters ship Shaftesbury is now under Dispatch for Europe & we hope to Get her away by the Middle of next Month.

Your Honr. &ca. will receive herewith An Account Current with Your Presidencey [*sic*] Extracted from Our General Books Ending April 1760.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servts.

George Pigot &ca.
Council.

Fort St. George
16th. Sepr. 1760.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℘ Sloop Queenborough.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 16th. September 1760.
2 Duplicate Do. Dated 13 Do. 1760.
3 Invoice of the Queenborough to Bengal.
4 Bill of Loading of Ditto.
5 Account Current with the Presidency of Bengall.
6 Copy of Captain Andersons Dispatch.
7 Duplte. Indent for Cloth.

Danl. Morse,
Secry.

Fort St. George
16 Septr. 1760.

No. 65.

To Captain Hugh Anderson
of the Sloop Queenborough.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board and make the Best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where on Your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there and follow their orders for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 16th. day of September 1760.

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 66.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you for our Honorable Masters Ship Onslow. We have been under the necessity of Landing several Military Stores that we were much in want of an Accot. of which comes inclosed; for which your presidencey [*sic*] shall have due Credit.

We also inclose Duplicate of our letter of the 16th. ℘ Queenborough Sloop.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

George Pigot &ca.
Council.

Fort St. George
17th. September 1760.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ ONSLOW TO BENGAL.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 17th. September 1760.
2 Duplicate General Letter Dated 16th. Sepr. 1760.
3 Copy of the Onslows Victualling Bill.
4 Copy of Captain Hindes Commission to serve Unlicensed Persons.
5 Copy of the Onslows Charter party.
6 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize ℔ Onslow.
7 Account of Merchandize Landed from the Onslow.
8 Account of Military Stores Landed from the Onslow which were consigned to Bengal.
9 Copy Captain Hindes Dispatch.

DANL. MORSE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
17TH. SEPTEMBER.

No. 67.

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS HINDE
OF THE SHIP ONSLOW.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board your Ship and make the Best of your way to the River of Bengal and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President and Council of Fort William and no Account to Carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions We Wish You a Good Voyage and Date this in Fort St. George this 16th. day of Septr. 1760.

GEORGE PIGOT
&CA. COUNCIL.

No. 68.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Last time we did ourselves the pleasure to Address you was under date the 17th. Instant ℔ Onslow we now dispatch to you the Prince Edward, & Sandwich.

As we found it necessary to detain the Falmouth we have been Obliged to Open the Packet Addressed to Your Honour &ct. in order to take out the Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Cargoes Consigned to You which done the Packet was again immediately sealed & is now forwarded to You and we now Transmit you an account of What has Been put on Board the Prince Edward & Sandwich.

Captain Haldane having represented to us that it would put him to Great Inconvenience in unstowing his hold to search for a few shott & shells Remaining on Board of those Consigned to their settlement. We have permitted them to remain on Board upon promise of Being Delivered to Your Honr. &ct. We inclose An Invoice of them also his Bill of Lading.

We Also Inclose An Account of such Stores Originally Consigned to Your Presidency As we have been under a necessity of landing here for which you shall have due Credit.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants

GEORGE PIGOT &CT.
COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
25 SEPR. 1760.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing the Bonetta Sloop has imported here with the Consignment of Treasure Mentioned in your Honr. &ct. Advices by her.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ SANDWICH.

No. 1 Duplicate General Letter Dated 25th. September 1760.
2 Account of Military Stores Landed from the Sandwich Captain Andrew Quick Consigned to the Presidencey [*sic*] of Bengal.
3 Account of Merchandize Imported at Fort St. George by the Captain and officers of the Sandwich.
4 Account of Goods Laden on Board the Sandwich From the Falmouth.
5 Captain Quicks Dispatch.

FORT ST. GEORGE
25 SEPTR. 1760.

DANL. MORSE
Secry.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR BENGAL ℔ PRINCE EDWARD.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 25 September 1760.
2 Bill of Lading of the Prince Edward for Fort St. George.
3 Invoice of Military Stores Laden on the Prince Edward for Bengal.
4 Account of Military Stores Landed from the Prince Edward Consigned to the Presidencey [*sic*] of Bengal.
5 Account of Merchandize Imported at Fort St. George by the Captain of the Prince Edward.
6 Account of Goods Laden on Board the Prince Edward From the Falmouth.
7 Packet Directed to John Cailland Esqr. Lieutenant Colonel of Foot in the East Indies.
8 Copy of Captain Haldanes Dispatch.

FORT ST. GEORGE
25 SEPTEMBER 1760.

DANL. MORSE
Secry.

No. 69.

TO CAPTAIN JAMES HALDANE
OF THE SHIP PRINCE EDWARD.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board your Ship and make the Best of your way to the River of Bengall and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President & Council at Fort

William and on no Account to carry your ship higher up without their Particular Directions we wish you a Good Voyage and Date this in Fort St. George this 25th. day of September 1760.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Andrews.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Jos: Dupre.

No. 70.

To Captain Andrew Quick
of the Ship
Sandwich.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board Your Ship and make the Best of your way to the River O Bengall and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President and Council at Fort William and on no Accot. to carry your Ship higher without their Particular directions. We wish you a Good Voyage and date this in Fort St. George this 25th. day of September 1760.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Andrews.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.
Jos: Dupre.

No. 71.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
President & Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Boneta Sloop which imported here the 25th. Instant Brought us Your several favors of the 31st. July and 18th. & 29th. August to which we shall now reply.

Immediately upon receipt of the Information you were pleased to Give us concerning the Fraud Committed by the Portugueze Lewis we ordered the necessary Enquirys to be made after him, and have learnt that he did arrive here some time ago from Bengal and that after a very short stay, he proceeded to Tranquebar; We will make formal application to the Governour & Council of that place to deliver him up and should we succeed will send him to you, Your Honr. &ct. may likewise rest assured that should Mr. John Brohier make his appearance at this Presidencey [*sic*] Or within our Limits we will cause him to be secured and sent to You in order that he may be Brought to a proper account for the Male [*sic*] Practices he has Been Guilty of & we Will if Possible apprehend Mr. John Lewis.

We will take care to Acquaint Mr. William Bodle of his Being nominated a Factor on your Establishment And that it is Your Pleasure he should repair to the Bay as soon as possible.

No part of the stationary consigned to your Pre idencey [*sic*] has been Landed here so that we are in hopes you will receive a sufficiency of that Article for your necessary Consumption.

We are under the highest Obligations to Your Honr. &ct. for the Twenty Chests of Treasure sent us on the Boneta and the remainder of the Tritons Money Promised ℔ Patty Tinder as well as for the assurances you are pleased to make us of exerting Yourselves to the utmost of your abilities in order to assist us with supplys of Cash we never were in Greater want.

The Packet Directed to the Presidt. & Council of Bombay was after reading Your letter to them Closed and will be forwarded to Night Your Letters Addressed to Mr. Heath at Vizagapatam, & Mr. Alexander at Masulipatam have Been duely sent.

We dispatched the Queenborough to you the 16th. Instant the Leopard will sail in a Day or two and we shall about that time return the Bonetta.

Roger Carter Esqr. with several of the Honble Companys Servants made Prisoners at the West Coast arrived here from Batavia the 22d. of [. . .].

In our Letter ℔ the Lord Mansfield we desired your Honr. &ct. would send us a ship half Loaded so as to arrive here early in January next to be filled up And finally Dispatch'd to Europe We since find that our Investment will not exceed three hundred Bales We therefore request that you will if possible after this information, Give the ship intended to Call here an Extraordinary Cargoe so that the small Quantity of Bales We Can furnish may enable us to Compleat her Tonnage.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 27TH. SEPTEMBER 1760.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

P.S. Inclosed you will receive an Accot. of Stores consigned to your Presidency by this ship Latham which we have been Obliged to detain here for which Your settlement shall have due Credit We enclose an Accot. of such part of the Falmouths Consignments to your Presidency As has been Transferred to the Latham the Lord Anson will Carry a further part and by the Last Conveyance we shall forward the Original Invoice.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR BENGAL ℔ LATHAM.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 27th. Septemr. 1760.

2 Bill of Lading of the Latham to Bengal.

3 Account of Military Stores Landed from the Latham Consigned to the Presidencey [*sic*] of Bengal.

5 Account of Goods Laden on Board the Latham from the Falmouth.

6 Copy Captain Moffacts [*sic*] Dispatch.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. SEPTR. 1760

DANL. MORSE
Secry.

No. 72.

To Captain James Moffat
of the Ship Latham.

Sir

You Are hereby Ordered to Repair on Board your Ship And make the Best of your way to the River of Bengal And proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President & Council of Fort William and no account to Carry Your ship higher up Without their Particular Directions We wish you a Good Voyage and date this in Fort St. George this 27 Day of September 1760.

Geo. Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 73.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Latham which sailed for the Bay Yesterday Carried you our letter of the 27th. Instant Duplicate whereof is now Inclosed.

We now dispatch the Lord Anson on Board of which ship we have put the Falmouths Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors addressed to Your Presidencey [*sic*] and also one Chest of Coral Brought out on the Falmouth consigned to the Honble the Govr. of Fort William for the time being & Mr. Culling Smith.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ct. Council.

P.S. Enclosed you will receive on Accot. of such stores consigned to Your Presidencey [*sic*] as we have detained here for which you shall have due Credit.

We also transmit an Invoice of a few shott & shells remaining on Board of those Consigned to the Settlemt. which the Commander Cannot get at without Great Difficulty We also forward you his Bill of Lading with so much endorsed of As we have received.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℘ Lord Anson.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 30th. September 1760.
2 Duplicate General Letter Dated 28 September 1760.
3 Bill of Lading of the Lord Anson for Fort St. George.
4 Bill of Lading of the Lord Anson to Bengal.
5 Account of Military Stores landed from the Lord Anson Consigned to the Presidencey [*sic*] of Bengall.
6 Accot. of Shotts and shells Laden on the Lord Anson for Bengal.
7 Accot. of Goods Laden on Board the Lord Anson from the Falmouth.
8 Copy Captain Chicks Dispatch.

Danl. Morse
Secry.

Fort St. George
30th September 1760

N°. 74.

To Captain Edward Lord Chick
of the Ship Lord Anson.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board your Ship and make the Best of your way to the River of Bengal and Proceed as far as Rogue's River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions we wish you a Good Voyage and date this in Fort S^t^. George this 30th. day of September 1760.

George Pigot &c^a^.
Council.

N°. 75.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^t^. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Prince Edward Latham & Lord Anson carried you our Letters under date the 25th. 27th. & 30th. Ultimo.

Agreeable to our Promise we now dispatch to you the Leopard snow the Tartar & Boneta Sloops shall quickly follow.

As we may have occasion to send the Companys own ship the Admiral Watson to Europe we request your Hon^r^. &c^t^. will send us a Large supply of Salt Petre to Loaden her.

We received sometime last year by the Patty Tender Thirty Barrells of Gunpowder and this year by the Tartar sloop One thirteen inch Mortar. One hundred & fifty thirteen Inch shells and two Hundred ninety three half Barrels of Gunpowder, of which several Articles we are to desire you will send us Invoice that we may Give your Presidency proper Credit for the same.

We now send you the Account of Goods deficient and Damaged by the Lord Mansfield which we request of you to forward by that Ship to Europe likewise an Account of stores and Impress supplied The Honble Companys Snow Leopard and Sloop Queenborough with Invoice & Bill of Lading of Copper sent by this vessell.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. servants

George Pigot &c^a^. Council.

Fort S^t^. George
7th. October 1760.

N°. 76.

To Captain Alexander Barclay
of the Honble Companys Snow Leopard.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board and make the Best of your way to Fort William in Bengall where on your arrival you are to deliver the

accompanying Packet to the President and Council there and follw their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 8th. day of October 1760.

GEORGE PIGOT &CT.
COUNCIL.

No. 77.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JACOB MOSSELL GENERAL OF INFANTRY IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED NETHERLANDS GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS INDIA &CT. CT. CT. AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY
and

GENTLEMEN

We have appointed Mr. John Herbert now residing at Batavia with your Permission to Remain there, during the Present War and request you will be Pleased to afford him such Assistance as he may stand in need of from time to time.

We have the Honor to be

FORT ST. GEORGE

May it Please YOUR EXCELLENCY

7TH. OCTOBER 1760.

and

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedt. & most humble
Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CT. COUNCIL.

No. 78.

TO MR. JOHN HERBERT
RESIDENT AT
BATAVIA.

SIR

We have received your letter of the 7th. April & 18 June the Last having been put under cover to a private Merchant we were near not receiving in future all your publick advices must be directed to the President & Council.

Mr. Carter with the other Gentlemen who were passengers in the Success are arrived here, as the Dutch had refused a passage to these Gentlemen we do not discommend you for procuring this Vessell, but the Company must not be put to any Expence of this kind in future without the necessity be very Urgent. You have omitted to send us the account of her Cost & Charges indeed you have not sent any regular accounts we do not disapprove of your having made some allowance to the Prisoners who were in distress but you should have been carefull to have let us known what that allowance was.

You do not acquaint us how you have been supplied with Money to defray the Expences you have Been at as farr [*sic*] as those Expences are necessary We think the Company will not disallow them and we therefore permit you to draw upon us for such sums as they from time to time require.

Mr. Plowman is a prisoner on Parole he cannot therefore act as your assistant.

We have had no Advice relating to the Norfolk and Duke of Richmond since they parted from the Coast and Bay Ships.

Inclosed you will receive a Letter addressed to the General & Council of Batavia wherein we have desired that they will permit you to Reside there.

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. OCTOBER 1760.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &CT. COUNCIL.

No. 79.

TO THE HONBLE LUBBERT BARON VAN ECH
PRESIDENT & GOVRR. OF NEGAPATAM ON THE
COAST OF CHOROMONDEL ON BEHALF OF THE
HONBLE THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY
& TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL THERE.

HONBLE SIR & GENTLEMEN

Lewis da Costa late a writer to the Engineer at Fort William in Bengal having Defrauded the Honble English East India Company of a Considerable sum of Money and absconded therewith we request in case he should now be at or hereafter come to Your Settlement or any of its Dependencies that you would not afford him the Protection of your Flag but Cause him to be apprehended & sent to us.

We are sensible that you will upon this information render us the Justice we require if it be in your power and we shall in any Circumstance of the like nature very readily Give you equal assistance since Countenancing Men Guilty of Atrocious Crimes must necessarily be attended with very prejudicial Consequences.

FORT ST. GEORGE
9TH. OCTOBER 1760.

We are With perfect
Consideration
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
GEORGE PIGOT &CT. COUNCIL.

No. 80.

TO THE HONBLE HERMAN JACOB FORCK ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT DANSBORG.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Lewis de Costa late a Writer to the Engineer at Fort William in Bengal having defrauded the Honble English East India Company of a Considerable sum of money and absconded therewith we request in case he should now be at or hereafter Come to Your Settlement or any of its dependenceys that you would not afford him the Protection of Your Flag But Cause him to be apprehended and sent to us.

We are sensible that you will upon this information render us the Justice we require if it be in Your power and we shall in any Circumstance of the Like nature very readily give you Equal assistance since countenancing Men Guilty of Atrocious crimes must necessarily be attended with very Prejudicial consequences.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servts.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
9TH. OCTOBER 1760.

No. 81.

TO THOMAS HEATH ESQR.
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 14th. Ultimo wherein you inform us of the Bad Condition the Companys Garden House is in & desire our permission to repair it. In Answer to which we are to acquaint you that we think the Repairing that House Altogether an unnecessary Expence and therefore would not have any money laid out on that Accot.

We cannot possibly supply you with Any Flints having Barely sufficient for our own use.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &CT. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11 OCTOBER 1760.

No. 82.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

By the Patty Tinder which arrived here the 10th. Instant we received your favor of the 17th. of Septemr., together with the supply of Treasure you were pleased to consign to us on her for which we acknowledge Ourselves under the highest Obligation Inclosed your Honr. &ct. will receive an accot. of such part of the Falmouths Cargoe to your Presidencey as has been Landed and kept here for which you have Credit also and Account of Damage and short delivery in the Consignments to you by that Ship Duplicate whereof shall be sent you by the next Conveyance and a Triplicate by the Falmouth whenever that may happen that they may be transmitted to Europe.

We have Laden on the Boneta Sloop by which you will receive this (the remains of the Copper by the Falmouth Consigned to you & we now transmitt the original London Invoice of the Consignments to you by that Ship together with the regular Invoices from us upon our transhipping the same on the Prince Edward Sandwich, Lord Anson, Leopard and Boneta We must remark that upon weighing the Copper here it turned out something More than the London

Invoice which may Possibly have arisen from a Defect in our scales or weights we have however Invoiced the surplus weight to you and made the Entrys in our Books as you will please to Observe by an account in the Packet.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed[t]. Serv[ts].

GEORGE PIGOT &C[T]. COUNCIL.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
THE 12TH. OCTOBER 1760.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ BONETA SLOOP.

N[o]. 1 General Letter Dated 12th. October 1760.
2 Invoice of Broad Cloath Laden on Board the Prince Edward from the Falmouth.
3 Invoice of Broad Cloth Laden on Board the Sandwich from the Falmouth.
4 Invoice of Broad Cloth Laden on Board the Latham from the Falmouth.
5 Invoice of Broad Cloath Laden on Board the Lord Anson From the Falmouth.
6 Invoice of Copper Laden on the Leopard Snow from the Falmouth.
7 Invoice of Copper Laden on the Boneta Sloop from the Falmouth.
8 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
9 Invoice of the Falmouth to Fort William.
10 Account of Military Stores received from on Board the Falmouth Consigned to the Presidencey of Fort William.
11 Account Entry from the Warehouse Books.
12 Account Goods Deficient & Damaged ℔ Falmouth.
13 Copy of the Captain Prices Dispatch.
14 Acco[t]. of Stores supplied the Honble Companys Sloop Boneta.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
THE 12 OCTOBER 1760.

GEORGE PYNE,
Sub-Sec[ry].

N[o]. 83.

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS PRICE

OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SLOOP BONETA.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board and make the Best of your way to Fort William in Bengall where on Your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort S[t]. George this 12th. day of October 1760.

GEORGE PIGOT &C[T]. COUNCIL.

No. 84.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last went by the Boneta Sloop under Date the 12th. Instant Duplicate of which we now inclose.

The Calcutta Snow Brought us Your favour of the 28th. August, the Military Stores by her were agreeable to Invoice and were Landed from her in due time to save her Demurrage.

We send you herewith a first Bill of Exchange Drawn by Colonel Eyre Coote on William Ellis and William Fullerton Esqrs. for Current Rupees one hundred and fifteen thousand five hundred and five nine Annas 115555–9 Being the amount advanced here for the use of his Regiment for which you will please to Credit this Presidencey.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servts.
George Pigot &ct. Council.

Fort St. George
31st. October 1760.

List of the Packet ℔ Calcutta.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 21st. October 1760.
2 Duplicate Generall Letter Dated the 12th. Octr. 1760.
3 Colonel Cooks First Bill of Exchange in favour of the President & Council for C.Rs. 115555–9.
4 Duplicate Account Difficiencys [*sic*] and Damaged ℔ Ship Falmouth.

Fort St. George
21st. Octr. 1760.

Danl. Morse,
Secry.

No. 85.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have duely received your several favors of the 19th. October & 6th. & 20th. Ultimo to which we shall now reply.

Nothing but the most urgent necessity should have induced us to deprive you of such parts of the Military Stores as were Landed here, Originally designed for your Settlement; Our intended attack on Pondicherry will we hope evince we had some reason for so doing. We observe the manner in which

Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. have been pleased to fix the destination of the several ships and immediately Gave Orders on receipt of your Letter of the 6th. November for thirty Tuns of Redwood to be split for the Onslow Your last letter however mentions your having procured a sufficient quantity for her, you may depend upon our using our utmost Endeavours to supply you as Amply as Possible with this Article for to Compleat the Tonnage of your next Years Shipping.

The different supplys of Money with which your Honr. &ct. have lately furnishd. us & the advice you are pleased to Give us of your intention to send more if Possible deserve our particular attention We return you many thanks for such Marks of your readiness to assist us and hope the Company's affairs will soon feel the Good Effects of it.

You will be informed from the Select Committee of the Destination of the Fort William Schooner.

The Falmouth is at present taking in Stores for the seige when the Prince Edward arrives we shall be able to Judge in what manner she can be Best employed.

We have presented Mr. Brohiers Bill on Mr. Call for acceptance which has been of [. . .] the time limited for payment expires we shall [. . .] Protested and shall thence [. . .] We observe what you write of Your intention to send 50 chests of Opium for the West Coast on the Leopard which you Purpose should touch here about the 20th. of this month to take on Board a proper person to have charge of Disposeing of it for the Company and we will take care to provide for the same but we must remark to you that we understand the Meaning of the Company in taking this article into their hands to have been principaly to defray the charge of their settlements at Nattal and Tappanooley and to that end we are told it was proposed to have opium sold on their Exclusive account. But not to such people who had the care of Cultivating pepper for amongst them was it once introduced it would be so far from Being a means of Leading them to preserve their Plantations that it wou'd be a sure method of corrupting their manners & involving them in Vice to the sure destruction of their Gardens and for which Reason it has always been a Rule to prohibit pepper Planters from the use of this Pernicious drug leaving it only to those whose avocations were less liable to be insured by it or indeed whose service we have no occasion for to such therefore we may order your Cargoe to be sold which will serve to show we preserve a Commerce with that Coast and at the same time Instructions shall be Given [to the Leading] Men at our Settlements, shall be assured [. . .] of soon [. . .] to reestablish them and [. . .] use their authority to oblige the pepper Planters to keep their Gardens in order not by the Distribution of Opium but by promise of the advantage they will receive from the pepper they may have ready to supply these ships we may be able to send thither and endeavours shall be used to prevail on the natives to provide such Materials as may be necessary to rebuild what the French may have destroyed for the above purposes We therefore think the stock of opium you put on Board the Leopard will be full sufficient without encouraging private Traders to export any for that market more especially as a quantity is lately Gone from hence which with what you send is as much as can be needfull for the present and more would not only impede the Companys Interest but distress those who may hereafter be appointed to settle there.

FORT ST. GEORGE
20TH. DECR. 1760

We are
HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
Council.

No. 86.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council of
Bombay.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Our last address bore date the 13th. September since when we have been favor'd with your letter of the 24th. October.

The Baron De Vasserits appointment whilst On our Establishment were fifteen shillings & [six pence] ⅌ Day as Captain of Horse and six Rupees [. . .] the Field, Besides which he receives [. . .] cloathing of the Troops the [. . .] One Pagoda & an half ⅌ month the Court of Directors further Ordered that he should have the preference in any Contract for feeding the Horses, and he accordingly did feed them for some time, But lately upon our Being Desirous of putting that charge upon a Regular and less expensive footing he declined the contract.

The Packet from the Court of Directors addressed to Your Honr. &ct. & mentioned in Mr. Secretary James Letter to have been sent hither in the Onslow, we imagine was enclosed in a Packet directed to the Chief and Factors at Anjengo which we duely forwarded.

We some time ago received a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Northcote requesting us to Grant him a Certificate shewing the appointments of his Majestys Caplains [*sic*] doing duty on this Coast to enable him to recover some Arrears whilst the Detachment of Artillery was at your Presidencey in Answer to which we Informed him that we cou'd grant no other Certificate than just to acquaint your Honr. &ct. that the Kings Chaplains received a Monthly Gratuity of Pags. 14–23–73 and the same Batta when in the Fild [*sic*] as a Captain, that we cou'd not Give him any satisfaction with respect to his Demand on You; being entirely strangers thereto, but that we wou'd Transmitt you a copy of his Letter which we now do, in order that Your Honr. &ct. may settle with him in such manner as to you shall appear most proper.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot &ct.
Council.

Fort St. George
19th. December 1760.

The Following List Omitted to be Entered after No. 32.

List of the Packet to Canton ⅌ Pocock.

No. 1 General Letter to Canton Dated 12 June 1760.
2 Duplicate Do. to Do. ⅌ Oxford Dated 10th. May 1760.
3 General Letter to Do. from the Governr. & Council of Bombay.
4 Invoice of the Pocock for Canton.
5 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
6 Abstract of the Suffolks Invoice for Ditto.
7 Bill of Laden [*sic*] of Ditto.
8 Copy of Captain Dubukes Instructions.
9 Copy of Pococks Charter Party.
10 Copy of Captain Debukes Commission for seizing unlicensed Persons.
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